

SENATE BILL 347

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By: **Senators Pugh, Benson, Conway, Jones–Rodwell, Madaleno, Montgomery, Ramirez, and Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Impact of Adjunct Faculty on Graduation Rates at**
3 **Historically Black Institutions**

4 FOR the purpose of creating the Task Force to Study the Impact of Adjunct Faculty on
5 Graduation Rates at Historically Black Institutions in the State; providing for
6 the membership, duties, compensation, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring
7 the Task Force to make certain findings and recommendations by a certain
8 date; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and certain committees
9 by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
10 relating to the Task Force to Study the Impact of Adjunct Faculty on
11 Graduation Rates at Historically Black Institutions in the State.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Impact of Adjunct Faculty on
15 Graduation Rates at Historically Black Institutions in the State.

16 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

17 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
18 President of the Senate;

19 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
20 of the House;

21 (3) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

22 (4) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the
23 Chancellor's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) the President of Bowie State University, or the President's
2 designee;

3 (6) the President of Coppin State University, or the President's
4 designee;

5 (7) the President of Morgan State University, or the President's
6 designee;

7 (8) the President of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, or the
8 President's designee;

9 (9) a representative of students at historically black institutions in the
10 State appointed by the Secretary of Higher Education;

11 (10) a representative of adjunct faculty at historically black institutions
12 in the State appointed by the Secretary of Higher Education; and

13 (11) a representative of administrators at historically black institutions
14 in the State who address retention issues.

15 (c) The Secretary of Higher Education shall designate the chair of the Task
16 Force.

17 (d) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the
18 Task Force.

19 (e) A member of the Task Force:

20 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

21 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
22 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

23 (f) The Task Force shall:

24 (1) analyze the number and type of adjunct faculty and the number of
25 tenured faculty at historically black institutions in the State and other institutions of
26 higher education in the State;

27 (2) evaluate the ratio of adjunct to full-time faculty at historically
28 black institutions in the State in comparison to other institutions of higher education
29 in the State and assess the impact of the ratio on retention and graduation rates at
30 historically black institutions in the State;

1 (3) evaluate the impact of different kinds of adjunct instruction,
2 including full-time, nontenure-track instructors, graduate student instructors,
3 part-time instructors, and postdoctoral fellows on retention and graduation rates; and

4 (4) make findings and recommendations regarding the relationship
5 between the ratio of adjunct to full-time faculty at historically black institutions in the
6 State and current disparities in retention and graduation rates in Maryland's
7 institutions of higher education.

8 (g) On or before January 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings and
9 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
10 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
11 Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
14 September 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
15 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.